

321 Broadway
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Professor Gray

Dear Sir:

Since the receipt of your letter we have had an interview with Mr. Willis respecting his work on Botany; and as the result, beg to send you the MS. with the request that you would examine it, and give us the benefit of your judgment—1 Whether it is a book likely to be wanted by botanical students; 2 Whether it will at ^{all} interfere with, or take the place of the "Lessons"; 3. Whether, as an Introduction, it should embrace more, or less; & give us any other suggestions occurring to you in the perusal of it. If you approve of it, and would advise its publication, will you have the kindness to write a prefatory or commendatory Note to accompany it, on your own signature! This will be desirable for several reasons. We shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience, & remain

Very Truly Yours &c

Trisw & Hinney
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P.S. Of course, whatever you may choose to communicate to us respecting the work, will be strictly confidential.